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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 2, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TED POE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Andrew Walton, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

We come together in thanks and gratitude; thankful for the wonder and mystery of life itself and grateful for the abundance of the universe in which our lives unfold.

We return today to a familiar yet changed place. Gone are the dormant days of winter and fading blossoms of early spring. Still with us are days of transition as seasons collide too often in fury, chaos, and even death.

Yet beyond the storms, once again we see the rich fullness of creation, feel the warmth of the sun, touch fresh Earth, smell fragrant breezes, and taste the produce of the land.

As individuals, but more so collectively, we remember that we are called as caretakers of the cosmic home humanity shares, that when one suffers, we all suffer, when one falls we all fall.

May our response to this call be one of possibility and potential inspired by imagination, wisdom, and trust—but mostly by love unveiled in our common spirit, both human and divine.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WE REJOICE IN THE TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE

(Mr. MCCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today we do not revel over the death of bin Laden, the butcher; we rejoice in the triumph of justice. We thank our citizen soldiers, the intelligence community, and the Obama administration for finishing this mission; and we forever remember the fallen and comfort the families who so grievously suffered on September 11, 2001.

Now let us press our efforts against al Qaeda and their terrorist cohorts, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the tyrannical Iranian regime. For while our world has witnessed justice, our world remains dangerous; and we must be ever vigilant against such clear and present threats to our liberty and security.

We have dispatched a murderer, not his movement. We have won a battle, not our struggle. But in so succeeding, we have served notice to every ter-

rorist, tyrant, and tyrannical regime that we will win.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I think every Member of the House probably wants to do the same thing that Mr. MCCOTTER did and I am going to do, and that is to congratulate and thank the Commander in Chief, the President; our Armed Forces, our men and women in the military, and particularly SEAL Team 6 for the outstanding job that they accomplished. Finally, the mission is accomplished. The mission after 9/11 was to get Osama bin Laden, and our troops did it, and they did it in a spectacular fashion.

I've always been proud to be a Member of this House and to be an American. Never more proud than last night and today when I think about our soldiers who put themselves in harm's way to truly protect our country and to keep our freedoms, because Osama bin Laden did all he could to hurt our country and take away those freedoms. And he has taken freedoms away.

As Mr. MCCOTTER said, we will win, we will endure, victory will be ours. And I thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for the mission that they accomplished.

MILITARY'S RESOLVE IS KEY TO VICTORY IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last night the President hailed the success of Navy SEALs to achieve the death of mass murderer Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden declared

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war on America and British citizens years ago by serving as the architect for terrorist attacks worldwide that culminated with the September 11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent civilians on American soil.

His death is a testament to the resolve of our professional military, counterterrorism and intelligence officials to achieve ultimate victory over terrorism. Their combined sacrifice and commitment played a pivotal role in closing this chapter of the global war on terrorism. The entire Nation will be forever indebted for their service which promotes victory and peace.

American families still face many threats of extremist challenges in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, which bin Laden identified as the central fronts in the global war on terrorism. Bin Laden's death does not end the war, but it does serve as evidence that the American forces can penetrate the heart of the most extreme terrorist organizations and bring their leaders to justice worldwide.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

JUSTICE IS DONE

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, nearly 10 years ago, 19 cowardly terrorists, acting on the orders of Osama bin Laden, murdered nearly 3,000 innocents. And yesterday, justice was delivered to Osama bin Laden at the hands of Navy SEAL Team 6 and the incredible professionals at the CIA.

This justice, Mr. Speaker, has been long in coming and is a direct result of the eternal vigilance of our intelligence professionals, the brave men and women in our military, our national security leaders, our President, and the American people.

This Nation will always stand strong and united against our enemies. We will not back down, and we will never surrender.

This should stand as a message to our terrorist enemies. If you choose to stand against freedom and liberty, and if you choose to murder the innocent, no matter how long it takes, we will hunt you down and bring you to the same justice that was received by Osama bin Laden.

Mr. Speaker, today let us all say a prayer of remembrance for those we lost on 9/11 and those we have lost in defense of freedom. And let us say a prayer of thanksgiving for those brave American men and women who have continued to protect liberty, freedom, and democracy around the globe.

God bless America.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ENSURE OUR SAFETY

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as we all, understandably, join in extending congratulations to the President and Navy SEAL Team 6 and all those who have been involved in the amazing accomplishment of last night, I think it's very important for us to look back almost 10 years ago.

I have just gotten off the phone with former Speaker Dennis Hastert, who reminded me that when the attack took place on September 11 of 2001, President Bush and he and others came together to do everything that we possibly could to ensure that the United States of America would never face the kind of attack that we had on September 11. Our former colleague Porter Goss, who was chairman of the Intelligence Committee, went on to serve as Director of Central Intelligence, and our former colleague, Jane Harman, of course, going back to the time when President Clinton was President—so many people have been involved in this effort to ensure that we would not face the kind of attack that we did.

And, Mr. Speaker, I think it's very important to note on this day that we have been successful in the past 10 years. We, of course, as reports have come forward, need to remain vigilant. But I want to extend congratulations to all those who have played a role in ensuring our safety.

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

(Mr. BACHUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACHUS. I just returned from my home State of Alabama, where we have lost over 250 of our citizens. The loss of life would have been much greater had NOAA and Dr. Jane Lubchenco and her wonderful staff not given us an early warning. But some of our storms hit at night, and people were unaware of it.

I am joining several of my colleagues today to reintroduce legislation that Brad Ellsworth and I have introduced in the last two Congresses, to have weather radios installed in manufactured housing. This would save many lives. One of the advocates of this lost her 2-year-old child. The Senate has not passed this legislation, but we are going to try again this year, and if we are successful, we will save lives.

The cost of these radios is less than \$10, but the cost of not having them, as we found out this weekend in Alabama, is the loss of many lives.

A GREAT DAY

(Mr. GINGREY of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today is a great day in the history of our country. I can't remember a better day.

Thinking back to maybe 1980, when our ice hockey team beat Russia in the semifinals and went on to win the gold, that was at the height of the Cold War. Shortly after, Nikita Khrushchev took off his shoe and said, "We will bury you." Yes, that was a great day that we had back in 1980. But today, the "Finally, we got him" moment in regard to, yes, I am talking about Osama bin Laden.

I want to take an opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to commend the President, commend the CIA, commend our military, commend the Navy SEALs, the brave men and women that effected this. They have been working hard.

And let's not forget the intelligence officers that worked so diligently at Guantanamo Bay, at Gitmo, not torturing but getting intelligence, finding out who that courier was, the best friend of Osama bin Laden that lived in his neighborhood in Pakistan. Intelligence is how we got him.

It's a great day. Let's all take credit. Let's commend the President. We should be tremendously proud today of this accomplishment—this guy, the monster that caused 3,000 people to die on 9/11 and 17 on the USS *Cole*. And the men and women that have given their lives defending this country since then, God bless them.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1800

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PAULSEN) at 6 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

SPECIALIST MICHAEL E. PHILLIPS POST OFFICE

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1423) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in